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Mr. Robert Morgan, P.E.  
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RE: Revised "Distribution of Water Within the Utah Lake Drainage Basin"

Dear Mr. Morgan:

We appreciated the opportunity of reviewing the above-referenced document which you sent to me on October 15, 1991. The document primarily focused on water right and quantity issues that directly impact the water user. Concerns relating to these issues are best addressed by the water users. We are especially concerned about those entities utilizing this water for drinking purposes, and desire that their rights are adequately protected.

Page 14 of the document referenced the issue of water quality in Utah Lake. The document recognizes that water quality in the lake is very important, and that there are many unknowns at the present time which will affect the future salinity levels of the lake. We also are very concerned with water quality in Utah Lake. We desire that the quality of the water not be degraded; state and federal law requires that water quality standards for salinity be maintained, and that the beneficial uses of the lake not be impaired. We appreciate your concerns in this regard.

If we may be of any assistance in these issues, please contact Don Ostler in the Division of Water Quality (6146) or Gayle Smith in the Division of Drinking Water (6159). Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this draft.

Sincerely,

Kenneth L. Alkema  
Executive Director

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